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FOR DOWLING FROM THE PRESIDENT

Request you deliver soonest following from the President to Adenauer and personally brief him on Cuban situation drawing on DEFTEL <sup>TOPOL 508</sup> to Finletter.

Dear Chancellor Adenauer:

I am sending Ambassador Dowling to make sure that you are fully informed of the current situation in Cuba.

~~(The situation in Cuba is clearly growing more tense and if satisfactory responses are not received from the other side in the next forty-eight hours, the situation is likely to enter a progressively intense military phase.)~~ The situation is clearly growing more tense and if satisfactory responses are not received from the other side in the next forty-eight hours, the situation is likely to enter a progressively intense military phase.

We are trying to make our determination just as clear as our readiness for a proper settlement. It gives me great courage in these days to know that we have your support, as expressed in your letter.

Sincerely,

John F. Kennedy

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